## GOODFELLOWS, YOU GAVE \$14,110.31 TO SPREAD XMAS JOY

Fund Total for 1920 Comes Within \$9.65 of Banner Year of 1919—Final List Now In.

BY A. GOODFELLOW.

Goodfellows, you did yourselves proud in our fund for Christmas, 1920. While the calamity howels were talking about times being hard, business depression and the like, you went right shead building up the happiness fund.

The result is that the 1920 total of the Goodfellows-Santa Claus club fund reached \$14,110,21," only \$9.65 less than the 1919 fund, which broke all records for the 11 years the fund has brought joy and cheer to many hearts at Christmas time.

When the 1920 fund was started, I'll confess here and now that I predicted the total would go about \$10,000 this year. For you'll recall that 1919 was a banner business year, and money plentiful. When we reached a total of \$14,119.95 then, it looked like a real mark to shoot at.

But I'm cured of prophesying about Goodfellows. When the pitiful appeals of counless kiddles for just a wee bit of the joy of Christmas sound in a Goodfellow's earshe digs, and digs deep, Conditions considered, the fund for 1920, despite the deficit of \$9.65, is our real banner year.

My hat's off to all you Goodfel-

the deficit of \$9.65, is our real ban-ner year.

My hat's off to all you Goodfel-lows. Your hearts are as big as all outdoors, and your purse strings are as open as the boundless prairie.

You're all—

Goodfellows:

You're all—Goodfellows!
And I can pay you no higher compliment than that,
Seven thousand made happy this
Christmas, through Your generosity.
On next Thanksgiving day I'm going to have a little message for you that will contain some mention of
8,000—and now my guess is that

Tenn
J. O. Leary
Employes Bank of Commerce and Trust Co...
D. H. Walker
K. G. Dunn, Whiteville,
Tenn Tenn. Walter J. Fransioli .....

Lee and Francis
A. Friend
C. D. Wailes
Employes J. T. Fargason
& Co. & Co.
Mrs. H. B. Whitehead ...
Lillian R. Turner
Employes Plough Printing
Company
Dorls G. Strauss
Master Ortho P. Wheeton,

Friend ..... E. B. K. ..... Stranger ...
Percy C. Young ...
J. M. McGee ...
G. T. Fitzhugh ...
C. S. Ginn, Bullders Exchange
Jno. E. Colbert
Burke Riddick
Orvel R. and Royal
Franklin Webster, Chicago, Ill.
W. T. McLain

Total to date, Dec. 28, 1920.\$14,110.31

#### BILL CARRIES \$60,000 FOR MEMPHIS DOCKS Government of the laughed, "You never can tell."

(Special to The News Scimitar.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—In the
sundry civil bill, as reported to the house today, provision is made care for transportation facilities along the Mississippi and Warriot This includes an item of \$400,000 for construction of a terminal dock at South St. Louis.
Others for which provision is made Others for which provision is made are cotton handling, equipment at Memphis, \$60,000; terminal dock at New Orleans, \$400,000; storage bins for coal tipple, Cordova, Ala., \$40,000; cargo handling facilities, Demopolis, Ala., \$25,000; mooring facilities immigration station, Algiers, La., \$25,000, and operation of same, \$300,000. While the total of \$1,250,000 is to be available until expended, not more be available until expended, not more than \$17,680 shall be expended in any one year for experts, clerks and of-fice forces. The total recommended is \$5.674,350 less than the estimates submitted by the war department and \$2,750,000 less than appropriated for the current fiscal year.

## HARDING BUSY ON

MARION, O., Dec. 30.—Plans for the inauguration occupied President-elect Harding in his conferences today.

E. B. McLean. Washington publisher, who is chairman of the inaugural committee; Senator Knox of Penfasyivania. chairman of the congressional commit-tee on inauguration, and Will H. Hays, who, as chairman of the Republican national committee, will have an active part in inaugural arrangements, were among those called into consultation to among those called into consultation to discuss details of the ceremony.

Both Mr. Hays and Senator Knox have been persistently mentioned for cabinet posts.

Others on Mr. Harding's appointment list during the day included a commit-tee of the National Grange, who asked for the interview to present their views on the agricultural situation.

## BUSINESS WOMAN

FILES AS BANKRUPT Addie Cora Hurst, doing business Parsons, Decatur county, Tenn., the L. M. Hurst company, Thurs-y filed a petition in bankruptcy with the clerk of U. S. District court

BLACK TRIMMING ON FLESH UNDIES IS LATEST FAD FROM FIFTH AVENUE

Price Three Cents



Miss Jean Tolley wearing the newest lingerie fad.

things is the newest fad in the lin-geries world. The photograph shows Miss Jean Tolley, of New York, wear-ing a new underslip made of flesh-ily trimmed with black silk tassels

Black to trim lovely pink under- colored satin trimmed with pipings

## Hundreds of Jingles Are Sent In By Local Poets

Everything Under the Sun Is Attacked by Writers in News Scimitar's Popular Contest. 10.00

TODAY'S BEST JINGLE. Prize, \$2, won by Miss Emms Jones, 503 Laclede avenue:

He kissed her sweet lips in the dark, And lovingly hugged her as well, When he switched on the light He had to take flight,

Second prize, \$1, won by W. E. Vaughn, Y. M. C. A.:

Said a gay young fellow, a swell, To a dashing young miss, a belle, "Would you resist A sly little kiss?" "Try it-'You never can tell."

Third prize, won by Austin Carey, 1579 Southern avenue:

Our waiter is so diplomatic, He answers my questions quite

well.

Till one day I grew rash,

Asked "What's in the bash?"

He answered "You never can tell." Fourth prize, won by Miss Valdors Selssinger, 1941 Rayner street;

Said a sweet little girl to a bean. When she wanted to spend all his

Fifth prize, won by Marion S. Ives 352 Gaston avenue:

She was only a moonshiner's daugh-

And I think he loyed her quite well,

'Cause she filled him with drink,
Now what do you think,
They're married, "You never can tell."

Wishes turing
test.

All should be addressed to the
Jingle Editor, The News Scimitar,
and must close with the words, "you
never can tell."

to the Strand theater the week starting Jan. 2. The cash prizes as well hours' work. From present indications several thousand jingles will Robinson street, Oklahoma have been contributed to the confest Okla." before the close Thursday night, Jan. 6, at midnight. The last of the winners will be announced in Friday's News Scimitar, Jan. 7.

Many of those submitting lingles are not following the correct form.

and in consequence these jingles have to be thrown out of the competition. Some excellent ideas and wit are to be found in these verses but inasmuch as they do not conform to the pattern set at the outset of the ontest, they can not be considered. Those who have submitted verses with excellent ideas would do well to study the pattern jingles at the top of this story and submit their ideas in the correct form. The writer's name and address must be on the same sheet as the jingle and all must be on one side of the paper. However, any number of jingles may be submitted and as often as one

## **BILL NOW READY** FOR PRESIDEN

mine assessment bill, on the trail of which Senator Ashurst of Arizona spent several hours yesterday, went today to President Wilson from they INAUGURAL PLANS today to President Wilson from the measure previously had been re-ferred to the interior department for a recommendation and both Secre-tary Payne and Assistant Secretary Vogelsang are understood to have

ecommended that it be signed. While the president has until Jan. # to act on the measure, senators and representatives from the Western states hope that he will approve it immediately. The measure ex-tends for six months the time in which annual assessment work to the value of \$100 must be done on mining claims. Under existing law this time expires at midnight tomorrow night and the claim is made that unless the measure is approved before that time many claim holders will run the risk of losing their property.

#### Negro Assailant Wounds Five Men

HURTSBORO, Ala., Dec. 30 .- Five white men, one of them W. E. Dozier, deputy sheriff of Russell county, were shot early today four miles from Pittsview, this county, in at-tempting to arrest a negro who was Liabilities of \$4,147.73, with assets of \$9,280.86, of which \$2,480.86 are debts due on open account, were parted in the petition.

from Pittsview, this county, in attempting to arrest a negro who was charged with attempted assault upon a white farmer's wife there last night. No one was killed.

#### Confessed Burglar Wants To Be Cured

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .-- After con fessing to more than 25 burglaries in Chicago in the last two weeks. Walter McGrath, 20, of Joliet, Ill. today pleaded with police to aid him in having an operation on his head, declaring "it might core me of criminal tendencies."

I have been a burglar since fell from a grocery wagon in Joliet when I was seven years old," he said. "I injured my hes at that time and since then can't- sleep well, nights unless go out and pull a job first."

#### STICKUP SHOOTS VICTIM IN HEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Another oldup and shooting that may cost life was added to the city's crime the temple by one of two bandits who attacked him as he was enter-ing his tailor shop in the Bronx. Both assailants fled as neighbors answer ed Piero's cries for aid.

#### Bury Auto Victim Friday Morning

Funeral services for Erakine Burke.

18. who died from injuries received when he was struck by an automobile Saturday night, will be conducted at Sacred Heart church Friday morning at 9:30 o'clock. The funeral pariors at 9 o'clock, and proceed to Calvary cemetery, where burial will take pince. The boy is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ross-Burke; four brothers, J. G., R. W., T. E. and Paul Burke, and two sisters, Misses Mary A. and Cora Burke.

# POSSE SURC LOBDELL PLANTER

Dogs Trail Black Man to Authorities Understood to Be-.Thicket—Lynching Looked for If Angry Citizens Get Murderer.

(Special to The News Scimitar.)
LOBDELL, Miss., Dec. 30.—Posses
this morning are searching this entire section for Louis Fletcher, negro,
who late Wednesday shot and killed
Karl Bullock, aged about 26, assistant manager of the Virginia plantations, at this place. Bloodhounds have
trailed the black to a thicket and the trailed the black to a thicket and the posse is surrounding him. Capture of the negro is expected momentarily and a lynching is expected to follow. Bullock was shot by the negro after he had refused to allow the negro to remove some articles from his ten-nt house on the plantation. He died

almost instantly. According to reports, the negro had been a tenant for the past year and. the meny others, had fallen behind in his accounts because of the low price of cotton. The plantation owners of cotton. The plantation owners agreed, however, to cancel the back debt and allow Fletcher to draw supplies and pay for his home during the winter by day later. Fletcher accepted and drew a lot of supplies from the commissary.

It is alleged that the night following receipt of the supplies the negro moved virtually all of his things to another place porth of here.

# FOUND DYING IN

Winners of the third, fourth and fifth prizes in The News Scimitar's Bebe Daniels Jingle contest will be dying as the result of bullet wounds. Bebe Daniels jingle contest will be dying as the result of build would be given two tickets each to see "You A revolver still warm, was found be lead soon to the capture of other tween the two, who were lying in bed ciad in their night clothing.

Never Can Tell," Bebe Daniels' first bed ciad in their night clothing. Pistol reports aroused hotel guests d the police. Entrance

was effected through a window. ing Jan. 2. The cash prizes as well as the tickets for today's jingles will be mailed out Friday morning.

Hundreds of jingles were in the Jingle Editor's mail Thursday and the work of sorting them out and classifying them required several hours' work. From present indications several thousand inclassify will be several to be several thousand the several through a window.

Letters found in the room were addressed to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Meadows, Tulsa, Okla, Bank books of Shitook, Okla, and Broken Valley, Okla, bank were made out to the same persons. A key ring found in the room were addressed to Mr. and Mrs. F. W.

#### Pronegro Fanatic Says Most White Persons Lawless

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 .- Southrn members of the house census nmittee holding hearings on the ongressional apportionment bill vere aroused today by the charge of Walter F. White, of New York, as-sistant secretary of the National As-sociation for the Advancement of ociation for the Advancement of olored People, that the majority of se white persons in many communies were lawless.

Representative Larsen, Democrat, f Georgia, declared the charge was untrue" and demanded that witnesses before the committee be rebe not permitted to give "hearsay evidence." f their own personal knowledge and

"I am unwilling," he said, "to let witnesses come here and make wholesale charges slandering a section of the United States." "exas, also took exception to White's

harge. "Knowing what we have done phullding the negro race, I can not sit silent under a statement made by a witness from New York," said

## Tanks And Rifles

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 .- Squads from the Evanston tank corps and auto-mobiles manned by city police, each armed with a rifle, will guard Evanston, Chicago's wealthy North Shore suburb, from the reign of moron bandits who have terrorized women of the town, according to the plans president.

The motor squads will tour the streets throughout the night. The tank unit is equipped with one tank. Two more robberies of women last night were added to the list of more than 50 attacks and robberies by bandits in the fashionable suburb Policemen, dressed as women, also will patrol the streets with revolvers list today. Seeking to defend him-self, Gaston Piero, was shot through be instructed to shoot to kill if suspects attempt escape.



lieve Business Men Gave Financial Backing to Alleged Distiller-Gets Outfit:

Are one or more prominent Mem-phis business men about to be ar-tested for violating the prohibition

laws?
Authorities are understood to be investigating a possible financial connection between Crispino Gausto, arrested late Wednesday by Federal Probibition Officer Bert Bates, and certain prominent business men.
Bates, however, denied Thursday that he had made any statement that would indicate that this is the case.
Bates, with Deputy U. S. Marshal Ryant, arrested Gausto in a Highland avenue house located three miles southeast of the West Tennessee southeast of the West Tennessee State Normal school. More than 3,000 gallons of "beer," 20 gallons of "corn likker." 10 gallons of grape wine and 58 fermenters were taken in the raid

on the "corn cottage."

Because of the size of the plant the theory was developed that the operators must be getting financial assistance from men of means.

That Memphis business men had been lending financial assistance to

rom the commissary.

It is alleged that the night following receipt of the supplies the negro moved virtually all of his things to another place north of here. He returned the next day at noon and wanted to take the rest. Bullock denied him permission and told him to see O. W. Brown, manager. Brown was: Ill and in the house. On being told this the heart opened fire on Bullock with a shotgun. He then got a horse and escaped. The horse was found abandoned later and Fletcher's trail taken up.

Bullock was very popular here. He is survived by his bride of two months, she being the daughter of O. W. Brown.

Several hundred men compose the posses in search of the negro.

MAN DEAD, WOMAN

FOUND DYNG IN

Several trail taken up.

That Memphis business men had been lending financial assistance to Crispine Gausto, Italian, in his man and the place of large quantities of illicit which and wines was the statement. Thursday of Bert M. Bates, federal prohibition officer.

Gausto was arrested by Bates and Deputy United States Marshal Bryant in a house on Highland avenue, three mites southeast of the Normal school, Wedaesday afternoon. More than 1,000 gallons of beer, 20 gallons of whisky, 10 gallous of grape wine, and 56 fermenters were seized.

The equipment found in the house, which is by all odds the best fitted for the making of moonshine liquors found here in months, represented considerable money, according to Bates. Business men, acquaintances of Gausto, Bates believed, backed him with the cash for his venture.

Bates is said to have information which may end to several arrests.

A warrant has been issued for Caesar Cataneo, who Bates and his men say is involved in the venture.

That part of the dueling used for distilling purposes conjained double walls, built two feet apart. The ob-That part of the dwelling used for distilling purposes contained double walls, built two feet apart. The object of this was apparent. Gausto and his coutbanions filled the space between the walls with cotton hulls, Bates said. They believed that these would absorb all odors from their "stills."

Vats were constructed over open fireplaces, and in order to keep down the smoke as much as possible charcoal was used altogether as fuel.

Bates intimated that the arrest of Gausto and the breaking up of the

Gausto and the breaking up of the Highland avenue stillWednesday will

#### STENOGRAPHER WILL FACE SANITY PROBE

Held in the woman's lockup at po-ce headquarters for 72 hours with o charge being placed against her and without being docketed or an explanation given why she was being held, Miss Willie Stroud, 218 North Second street, stenographer, was Thursday released following the granting of a writ of habeas corpus by Judge F. M. Guthrie in probate court. Application for the writ was made by Attorneys Graves and Car-

According to police, Miss Stroud, who was a patient at St. Joseph's hospital, was arrested there Monday at the request of members of the hospital staff. It is said that the physical staff. sicians have sent written commun cations to Miss Clara Ahlgren of the women's protective bureau, a division of the police department, saying that in their judgment Miss Stroud was mentally unbalanced. Following her release Miss Stroud was again taken into custody and will appear Friday morning to submit to an investigation into her sanity.

#### CASON NAMED TO NEW POST

Goes to Chemical National Bank, New York.

Charles Cason, member of the exutive staff of the Rockefeller oundation, former alumni secretary of Vanderblit university, and well-known in Memphis, has been ap-pointed director of the department of public relations of the Chemical National bank of New York, accord-ing to information received here here

Thursday. Mr. Casen takes charge of his new office Jan. 1. Guarding Evanston Among Southerners who are of-ficers of the Chemical National bank are: Percy H. Johnston, formerly of Louisville, president; Frank K. Houston, formerly of St. Louis and Nash-ville, vice-president; N. Baxter Jackson, formerly of Nashville, assistant cashier: Harrod C. Newland, for-merly of Memphis, assistant to the president, and Barrett Montfort, for-

The Chemical National bank is one the of the oldest in New York, having The been established in 1824.

#### Ford Jacked Up And Front Tire Removed

E. W. G. Meers, of the Builders' exchange, reported to police Thurs-day that his Ford car, which was parked in the rear of 196 Madison avenue, was jacked up, and a casing and tube removed from the front The tire was practically new, Meers

## ARREST PISTOL TOTER. After explaining to Capt, Lee that he was fright-ned by the street car holdup the hight before at Chelses and Jones. Marshall Mosby 35, negro, Jones street, was interned for the night at headquarters Wednesday, on a charge of carrying concealed weapons.

SHEEHAN BACK AT WORK. Pat Shechan, custodian of police eadquarters, who has been seriously ill for the past two months, has re-Il for the past two months has returned to work and assumed his duties which were being discharged by Rob-

### ITALIAN POET-LEADER AND CENTER OF INTEREST IN FIUME DISPATCHES



ent photo of Gabriele D'Annunzio, Indicated by arrow, and some of his soldier

## Central Hi Lad Winner of Second Prize In Contest

To a student of Central high classic music must be given to them school went the second of five prizes twarded to pupils of Memphis high schools, in The News Scimitar's We have our free lecture courses, s Million-Dollar contest just closed. The prize contribution follows: SECOND PRIZE.

SECOND PRIZE.

(By Harry Watson, 1908 Monroe Avenue, Student of Central High School.)

If I had a million dellars to spend for the good of Memphis, I would erect a well-equipped office building, containing a commodious auditorium, where a course of well-chosen, varied musical attractions, rendered by the best musicians of the world, could be given free to the public each year. The building would also contain a library of the best reference books, magazines on music and pictures of famous composers.

The rent from the business offices would finance the course and the would finance the course and the general expense of the building. My reasons for this music ball are:

We have our free lecture courses, a beautiful art gallery, parks and schools.

Third, music in all its purest forms -instrumental, vocal, orchestral and operatic, soothes the mind of the weary business man and the busy housewife, attracts the idle from wayward paths, and charms young and old alike and old allke.

and old alike.

Fourth, to train our young people who are our future citizens, to appreciate good music, it must be given to them while they are young.

The hall would be used for free-entertainments given by the music clubs of Memphis to our people. The cost of seats to the splendid concerts brought to Memphis is more than people in moderate circumstances can afford.

A board of trustees would have charge of the management of this building, and a committee from the music clubs of the city would select the course each year.

JACKSON, Miss, Dec. 30.—All efforts looking toward a compromise of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the antitrust suit filed by the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the state revenue department against 160 fire insurance companies of the state revenue department against

Omberg At Grace

attended by scores of close

friends and business acquaintances, marked the last rites for Frank S. Omberg, prominent Memphis banker,

and formerly city treasurer, who died at Gartly-Ramsay Hospital Wednes-day morning from the effects of mer-

Cotton People To

2, John S. Williams, chairman; F. I Page, E. F. Webber and R. T. Polk

Robert Dent, negro, 1575 South

Lauderdale street, was held by police Thursday on suspicion that he was one of a pair of highwaymen who held up, robbed and shot Andrew Collins, aged 54, negro, at Horn Lake

road and South Parkway at midnight Wednesday, Collins, who was shot in the jaw, is only slightly wounded, according to information given out at

Collins was driving a horse when held up. After one of the highway-men wounded him the other robbed

Desperate Robber

Motorcycle Officer Brannan sight-

d a Ford rounding Adams avenue Wednesday night, without any lights He couldn't reach his motorcycle

o he gave chare on foot. Heaving alongside, he boarded the

slowly-moving car, whose drive threw in his emergency, put up hi-hands, and pleaded, "Don't shoot Mr. Highwayman, don't shoot!"

im of a small amount of money.

Cop Mistaken For

Victim In Jaw

Stickups Shoot

Jeneral hospital,

Hold Funeral For

#### Thinks Music Can Give Booze Effect

First, last and popular music of today have gained such a hold on our people that to check this demand

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The desance of good music are pre by delegates attending the Na-tional Music Teachers' associa-

tion. "Music," declared R. G. Mc-Cutchan, secretary of the associ-ation, "will give the country the emotional stimulus formerly taken by booze, A singing na-tion is a contented nation; music will drown out the insidious muttering of red agitators."

## pany, Madison avenue and Fourth street. Close friends and his companions in the banking world of Memphis, carried the body to its resting place in Elmwood cemetery. For several years Mr. Omberg acted in the capacity of city treasurer under the administration of Mayor Crump. With the expiration of his term of office Mr. Omberg returned to banking, his favorite occupation, and at the time of his death was connected with the Guar-Mayor Wants Precincts To Be Increased Paine Proposes to Ask County Be Increased Paine Proposes to Ask County Cupation, and at the time of his death was connected with the Guaranty Bank and Trust company. Mr. Omberg would have been 41 years old in Pebruary. He was a member of one of the oldest and best known families in this section of the South

Court to Remedy Conditions.

Mayor Paine will ask the county court next Monday to pass a resolution increasing the number of voting precincts in many of the over-crowded wards of the city. The authority of recreating voting precincts is vested in the county court, although the establishment of ward boundaries is a city function.

Not only will the court be asked to establish new voting precincts, but to change the precinct lines in some wards so as to more evently dis-

wards so as to more evently dis-tribute the voters. When the mat-ter of precincts has been settled, the mayor will take up with the election commission the question of providing suitable booths for registration and voting purposes. He hopes to have the entire program settled in time for the biennial registration which

takes place next August.
One of the wards where precinct nes will be redrawn is the Thir eenth. This ward has three prethrow the heaviest load on one

Additional precincts will be asked n 11 wards, where conditions are vercrowded. These are the Fif-centh, Sixteenth, Seventeenth, Twenty-first, wentieth. Thirtleth, Thirty-first and Thirty

#### TENNESSEE CENTRAL SEEKS LARGE LOAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30-The Ten essee Central Railroad company apnerce commission for a loan of \$3,-00,000 to be used in the purchase of track equipment.

Mississippi-Fair; warmer. Arkansas-Fair; warmer. Alabama-Fair, warmer, Kentucky-Fair; warmer, Louisiana-Fair; warmer. Oklahoma-Fair: moderate.

nd Florida-Fair: warmer.

"I don't want to shoot: I just wan to arrest you." replied the officer "Thank God!" came back the voice which proved to be that of J. Leight map, 42, tallor, of Raleigh. He wa North and South Carolina, Georgia dockeded for operating a car-out lights. East and West Texas-Fair.

# PREMIER TAKES CHARGE OF PROBE

Lloyd George Displeased With Sensational Report Rendered by General Strickland Admitting Troops Involved.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Dec. 30.—Premier Lloyd George today assumed full control of the investigation into the recent fires which destroyed the business district of Cork. The report which General Strick

and, commander of the troops in the Cork district, had made to the British cabinet was described as "most sensational," admitting that the police and troops were involved. However, extenuating circumstances were alleged

eged, General Strickland was underst to have taken the attitude that the fires occurred at a time when the troops and black and tans were under great excitement. The report was said to have attempted to whitewash

the persons held guilty.

The nature of the report displeased the premier, who virtually took the investigation out of the hands of the rish executives.

The premier decided to conduct the nquiry himself.

## Mississippi Fire Parley Plan Fails

Compromise in Insurance Cases Rejected at Conference.

VACKSON, Miss., Dec. 20.—All efforts looking toward a compromise of the antitrust suit filed by the

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 80.—President Brum entertained Societary Colby, Robert E. Jeffery, United States minmberg At Grace
Episcopal Church

At the same time military and naval officers attached to Mr. Colby's mis-Funeral services at Grace Episcosion were similarly entertained at the
ministries of war and marine.

a visit to the military school. Late in the afternoon Mr. Colby visited the University of Montevideo, where by was given a reception. Mr. Colby will leave here tomorrow for Buenos Aires on board the Argentine cruiser Libertad.

#### cury poisoning. Services were held at 2 o'clock from the pariors of the Spencer com-Extra Guards Keep pany, Madison avenue and Fourth street. Close friends and his com-Threatened Mob From Four Bank Bandits

(By International News Service.) ... CULVER, Ind., Dec. 30.—Extra guards were placed about the jall and Plymouth, 13 miles from here, early today by Sheriff Franklin to protect four of the five bandits, who yesterday, held up the State Ex-change bank here and were captured after a fight with a posse of citizens. Threats of lynching caused Sheriff Franklin to take unusual precautions. Jacob Russell Saine, well known hardware merchant of Culver, is re-ported near death today from wounds received in the battle with the ban-dits. Joseph Zechial, a stock buyer, is recovering from a wound in the

Search is being made today for the fifth robber who escaped in an extra automobile, which the bandits had parked in a woods near here.

#### THREE KILLED AND THREE **HURT IN GEORGIA WRECK**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 30.—
Three men were killed and three others were injured, probably fatally, late yesterday when Louisville & Nashville freight trains Nos. 54 and 43 plowed into each other, head-on in Crandall Ga. 90 miles for president will come from the buy-ing branch of the trade, the pres-ent incumbent, J. L. Cooke, being a nominating and campaign committees are announced as fol-lows: No. I. L. W. Magruder, chair-man: Meacham Stewart, Gwynne Yerger and George L. Cronkrite. No. 43 plowed into each other, head-oa is a curve near Crandali, Ga., 90 miles south of here. W. A. Milner, a brakeman; B. F. Stephenson, also a brakeman, and E. M. Hurtt, a fireman, all of Eto-wah, were killed, one of the men be-

ing decapitated.

J. M. Johnson, engineer, and W. O.
Rymer, conductor, were scalded from
head to foot and their recovery is
doubtful. The men were brought to

#### Cnoxville. COTTON REDUCTION DAY IS JANUARY 15

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20 .- Gov. Roberts today issued a proclamation leclaring Jan. 15 a day for the coming together of all persons in Tennessee interested in the cotton trans, to work out plans for the protection and safety of the people in the cot-ton belt and for giving due consid-eration to all matters pertaining to

The action of the governor is in ursuance of a request from the re-

#### Cloudy Friday, But Somewhat Warmer

Partly cloudy weather is to perny night, as well as Friday, with a

eather forecasters say.

No rain is in sight at present for Meriphis, the weather map shows. The river took still another 4-foot rop over Wednesday night, it eached the 15.5-foot mark Thursday, and will continue to fall slowly, for several days, forecasters say.